HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by:	Behning,	Bosma

A HOUSE RESOLUTION recognizing the week of March 6-12, 2005 as Lutheran Schools Week and to acknowledge Lutheran Schools for their excellence in education.

Whereas, Congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod maintain the largest Protestant school system in the United States, enrolling over two million students in over 1,900 preschools, elementary schools, secondary schools, and colleges served by over 12,000 teachers and professors with a support system of over 6,-000 congregations;

Whereas, The purpose and mission of Lutheran Schools is to equip children, youth, young adults, and their parents to fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ by baptizing and teaching: and to this end, prepare them for service and leadership in Lutheran congregations;

Whereas, The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod is the second largest private educator in the country with 2,829 Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Schools in the United States;

Whereas, There are 1,700 Early Childhood Schools, 1,038

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Elementary Schools, and 91 High Schools declared as Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Schools in the United States;

Whereas, There are 14,300 children in Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Schools in Indiana;

Whereas, There are 300,000 children attending Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Schools in the United States;

Whereas, There are 119 Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Schools in Indiana;

Whereas, There are 62 Early Childhood Schools, 55 Elementary Schools, and 4 High Schools that are Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Schools in Indiana;

Whereas, Teaching the young in full-time Lutheran Schools has been an integral part of the heritage and life of the Christian Church Missouri Synod from its 1846 beginning; and

Whereas, Graduates of Lutheran Schools have gone on to distinguish themselves through service and leadership in community, government, and the church: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the House of Representatives of the Indiana General Assembly commends the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Schools for their excellence in education and recognize March 6-12, 2005 as Lutheran Schools Week.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of Lutheran Schools, David C. Beringer, the Principal of Lutheran High School, Gary St. Clair, Administrator, Robert Groth, Administrator, Cal Behrens, Administrator, James Landskroener, Administrator, Rick Kerr, Administrator, Joel Rolf, Administrator, Randy Strakis, Administrator, Gary St. Clair, Administrator, Richard

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Hanebutt, Administrator Kristi Sombke, and the District Representative from Fort Wayne, Dave Eberling.

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